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C-I-A DIRECTOR WILLIAM CASEY SAYS THE U-S HAS BECOME SO DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN MINERALS THAT A SUPPLY CUT OFF WOULD CAUSE A ''MASSIVE SHOCK'' TO THE NATION'S ECONOMY. CASEY SAYS LOSS OF ACCESS TO FOREIGN MINERALS COULD HALT MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS M RANGING FROM T-V SETS TO SUPERSONIC JETS. AND HE TOLD A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY THE IMPACT WOULD BE EQUAL TO THAT OF AN OIL SUPPLY CUTOFF.

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WASHINGTON, April 28, Reuter -- CIA Director William Casey today predicted an increase in terrorism and warned that Americans abroad would be the main targets.
The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief told the annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that instability, which breeds terrorism, was increasing.
The enormous cost of fueling economic activity was forcing less-developed countries into austerity and no-growth policies, he said.
Mr Casey said those countries were running out of credit. They could not meet the very high interest rates required ''and all this intensifies instability''.
''One form of instability that I'm afraid we'll see more of around the world is terrorism -- hijacking, hostage-taking, kidnapping, assassination, bombing, armed attack, sniping, and coercive threats of all kinds -- mindless acts of violence designed to create a political impact regardless of the innocence of the victims,'' he said.‡
Mr Casey said Americans working abroad were the primary targets of international terrorism. Two out of every five incidents involved U.S. citizens or property.
The targets were usually businessmen or diplomats, especially those who were symbols of Western power and wealth.
Businessmen were second to diplomats in 1980, when 52 Americans, most of them government officials, were held hostage in Iran.
Latin American and the Middle East were the main trouble spots, Mr Casey said, with Western Europe not very far behind.
The CIA director also told the businessmen the government would have to call upon the private community for additional assistance in intelligence.
This would be needed to fully meet the challenges of assessing economic vulnerabilities and technological breakthroughs. It would also help identify social and political instabilities and how they might be exploited by subversion, terrorism, propaganda and other means of destabilization.‡
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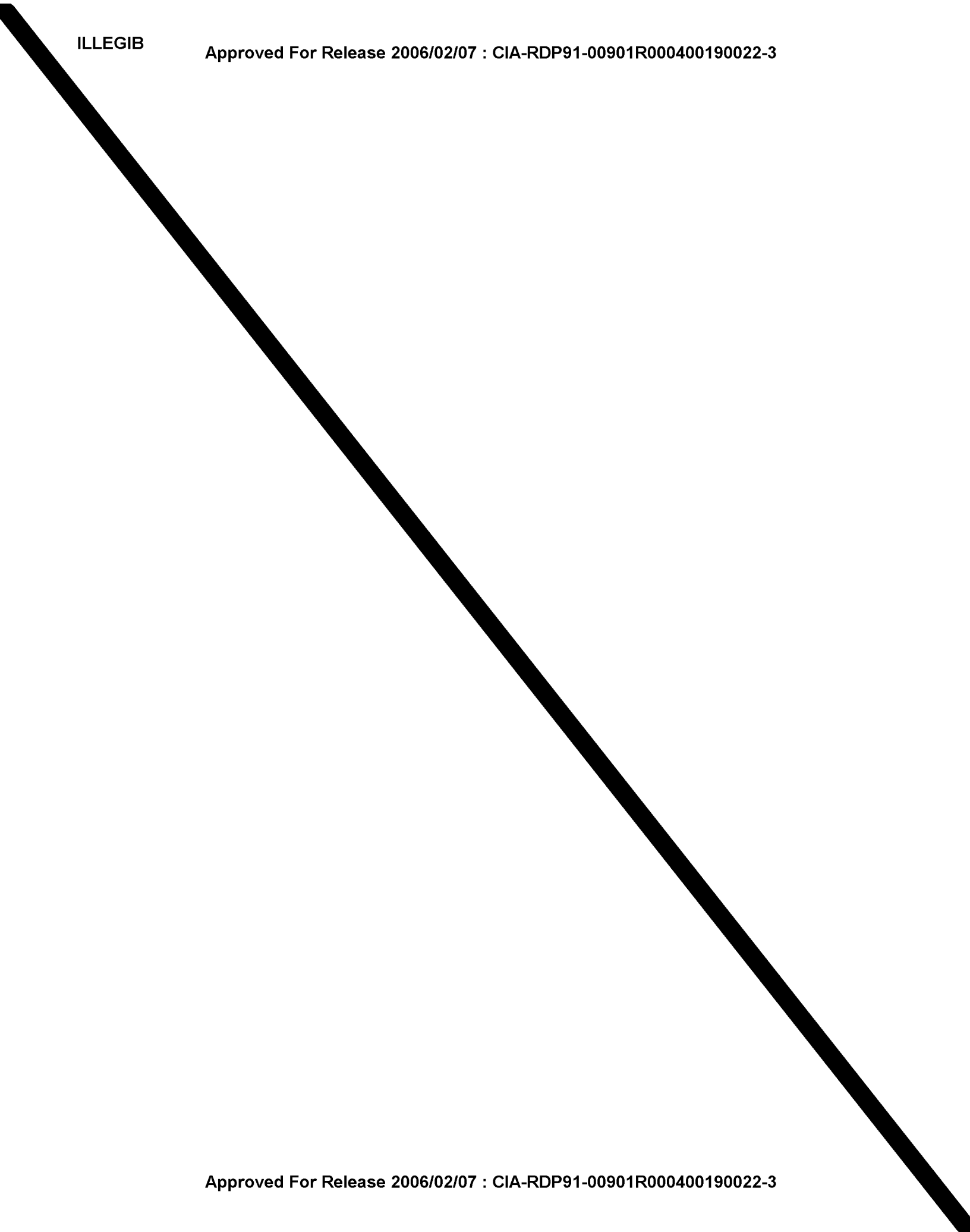

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